

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Jurisdictional Separations and Referral) CC Docket No. 80-286
to the Federal-State Joint Board)

MEMORANDUM OF ORAL EX PARTE PRESENTATION

On May 3, 2005, the following people met to discuss the data request being developed by the FCC concerning jurisdictional separations:¹ Pat Morse, FairPoint Communications, Inc.; Roger Nishi, Waitsfield-Fayston Telephone Company; Susan Bahr, Law Offices of Susan Bahr, PC; Richard Askoff, NECA; and Narda Jones, Thomas Buckley and Warren Firschein, FCC.

We discussed the reasons why the FCC plans to collect the data, the scarcity of current traffic data which could be used to determine the impact of lifting the separations freeze, and the burden on small local exchange carriers (LECs) if all LECs were required to perform traffic studies. In addition, we discussed the need to extend the separations freeze past June 30, 2006. Furthermore, other proceedings, such as the intercarrier compensation proceeding, will need to be taken into consideration as the FCC looks into the separations issue.

¹ Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested, 70 Fed. Reg. 11,971 (Mar. 10, 2005).

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, this memorandum is being filed via ECFS in the captioned docket. A copy of this memorandum is being sent via email to: (a) Narda Jones, Thomas Buckley, Warren Firschein, and Judith Herman, FCC; and (b) the other members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations.

Respectfully submitted,



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